

(c) did not the Panchayat Department even sanction a sum of Rs. 500 for the purpose at one time;

(d) was anything done since then; if not, why not;

(e) whether the work of the said tank would be taken up and completed in 1111?

Dr. E. R. S. Menon.—(a) No.

(b) No.

(c) and (d) No.

(e) The question of providing a tank will be considered according to the availability of funds.

Panchayat well—prevention of taking water from.

252. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have received any petition from one Kuttan Sankaran Achari complaining that he is prevented from drawing water from a Panchayat well near his house; and

(2) what action they have taken on it?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) The well in question has been thrown open to all castes.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Was this well ever opened to the public? Does it mean that it has been recently opened to all?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—It was recently opened to all.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Was it ever closed?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—It was closed for a few months.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Why? Is it not a Panchayat well?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—There were complaints from certain quarters for throwing it open to all. Now final orders have been passed for throwing it open to all classes.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Is it recently thrown open to all people or from the beginning was it open to all?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—It was opened to all classes from the beginning. There were some petitions against it. Those

petitions have been dismissed and it has been thrown open to all.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.— Are there any Panchayat wells which are not open to all classes?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.— No; all Panchayat wells are open to all classes.

Damage to certain lands adjacent to Cheruthuruthi—Pynkulam Road.

253. Mr. K. Ashtamoorthi Nambudiripad.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) are the Government aware that heavy damage is being caused every year to lands adjacent to the Cheruthuruthi-Pynkulam road (Survey Nos. 549/1 and 556) for the last ten years as a result of the flooding of the lands due to the narrowness of the culverts on the said road;

(b) have the Government received any petition from tenants or jenmies of those lands;

(c) will the Government be pleased to take immediate steps to remedy this evil?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes; steps are being taken in the matter.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are not these Panchayat roads periodically inspected by the department?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—It is stated that in the last ten years there were damages to this road. May I know why there was no repair all this time?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—I want notice.

Panchayat elections conducted by the Talappalli Tahsildar.

254. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Will the Government be pleased to print and place on the table:—

(a) the names of the Panchayats where elections had been conducted by the Talappalli Tahsildar during the years 1110 and 1111;